



PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: March 4, 2005

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004 and the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination dated February 7, 2005, the time period for response having been extended from February 4, 2005 to March 4, 2005 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time. In the prosecution of the application identified above, please consider the following: